

Sussman. Was going to send me copy of this transcript if not printed,

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Dear Barry,

After speaking to you a ~~year~~ a week and a half ago I checked the published Watergate hearings. The Hunt transcript in which he spoke of his domestic-intelligence operations is not printed.

When the Post first used this transcript we spoke and then I wrote you. Then it was leaked recently again, to the Times and AP.

If you remember this you may also remember that I did work others would not and learned what others have not. I'm sorry you would have a conflict were I to tell you all of it.

Because of this work and what I learned by it I am anxious to be able to read that transcript with care. I have another reason we have never discussed. I believe both can be important. Particularly can the unmentioned one be if the feeling of deja vu is as justified as I think it may be. I expect no real investigation. It may then serve what the non-investigations I anticipate will not.

Until you feel that preserving confidence will not saddle you with a problem I have to be elliptical. However, I can employ a generality:

True as it may be that the spooks were interested in and spied on Americans within the US, this was far from their own reason and these were by no means all those on whom they spied.

And true as it may be that the CIA's publishing operations were interested in getting what it wanted published, there is one aspect you'd rather I'd not mention and the other amounts to a domestic-propaganda operation. I believe one is current. I've read most of it and believe it was an Angleton operation.

There seems to be no news interest in Belin's past on the Warren Commission. It is a record that does not encourage faith he'll be a Perry Mason. He came close to suborning perjury with a witness named Givens if in fact he did not cross a line that is thin for officials only. The person who did this work, of which I have copies, is currently hospitalized. I addressed his handling of a witness named Benavides in my first book, the one with the blue cover, which is indexed. How he treated another, a married high-school girl, is part of the chapter "None So Blind" in my second book, red cover.

Best,